TAMIL NADU

Administration: Consequent on the transfer of Thiru L.V.Vasagam, I.A.S., Thiru M.K. Gomathagavelu, I.A.S., assumed charge of the post of Commissioner of Archives and Historical Research, Tamil Nadu Archives on 9th July, 1976 (Forenoon) and continued in the post during the period under report. Thiru S. Singarajan, M.A., M.Litt., continued to be the Director of Archives and Thiru V.Kunhikannan Nair, continued to be the Assistant Director of Archives, Tamil Nadu Archives.

Proposals for (i) installation of Microfilm Unit in the Tamil Nadu Archives and (ii) imparting training in Record Management to the persons in-charge of record rooms of the various Government offices/Quasi Government offices etc. were also submitted to Government during the period under report.

Budget: For 1976-77 a sum of Rs.16,61,728/- was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.20,53,000/- on the non plan side. There was no provision made on the plan side. For 1977-78 a provision of Rs.14,44,000/- is made on the non plan side.

Buildings: The construction of additional building sanctioned by the Government for accommodating the Vaccum Fumigation Chamber and Lamination machine imported from U.S.A. has since been completed.

Record Management: There was no progress in this regard.

Research and Reference: 134 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities, 41,980 records by Government agencies and 14,981 records by research scholars were requisitioned, 944 queries from private agencies were attended to.

Reference Media: The proposal for the preparation of reference media has been approved by the Government and this is expected to be put through during this year.

Publication Programme: Indexes of Public and Judicial Departments, 1900-47 (the period earmarked for the publication of "Select Documents") were examined. The papers on the subject "Neill Statue Satyagraha" were examined and selected for publication. Another subject "Tinnevely Conspiracy, Tinnevely Riots and Ashe Murder Case" has also been selected for publication.

Preservation of Records: During 1976-77 1,42,061 sheets were repaired, 1,41,559 sheets were guarded and 2,640 volumes, books and registers were bound.

Photo-Duplication: The State Archives has no microfilming unit of its own.

Library: 621 books were acquired during the year under reference.

Other Activities: The Council of Historical Research for Tamil Nadu was reconstituted in June, 1976 by the Government of Tamil Nadu. A meeting of the reconstituted Council was held in November, 1976.